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May 23, 1985

Mr. William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

I am writing to urge you to support adoption of the draft National Policy on the Transfer of Scientific and Technical Information (attached) that is under review in the National Security Council.

This policy reflects the only rational and manageable means of identifying which research and technology carried out at research universities should be restricted. Policies which allow definition after the fact will inevitably be subject to abuse (probably totally unintentional) and will lead to situations that can be challenged and which will lead to litigation. The policy as proposed is clean and workable and mechanisms exist to put it into effect. It has been developed by an interagency working group that involves OSTP, the Department of Defense and others. I urge you to recommend its prompt promulgation as national policy.

Yours sincerely,

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May 23, 1985

Mr. William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
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Dear Mr. Casey:

This letter is written to urge your support of the June 15, 1984 draft "National Policy on the Transfer of Scientific and Technical Information," which the National Security Council is reviewing. I have attached a copy for your reference. It is the joint product of an interagency working group that involved the Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Department of Defense, and others.

The policy establishes classification as the sole mechanism for the control of fundamental research in universities. As such, it will provide a clear guideline to follow, and a necessary framework for developing sound, consistent policies for the conduct of research and communication of results concerning projects the agencies support. Any policy which does not clearly require advance classification as outlined by the June 15 draft would invite situations which could lead to confusion, potential abuse, and legal and other complications.

Therefore, the draft should be adopted as a viable, clean and workable policy to identify restrictions of research and technology carried out at research universities. I urge you to recommend that it be promulgated as a national policy.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph M. Ballantyne

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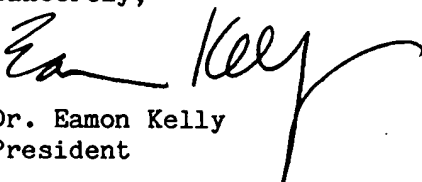
William Casey
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

I am writing in regard to the draft National Policy on the Transfer of Scientific and Technical Information (attached).

Open communication is essential to achieving the mission of our nation's universities: the growth and transmission of knowledge. On the other hand, we realize the necessity of confidentiality in the conduct of certain aspects of government. The draft National Policy on the Transfer of Scientific and Technical Information strikes a balance between these needs, making it possible for universities to more clearly determine when they are entering into areas in which the government perceives a need for protection of information. We believe this proposed policy will lead to fewer misunderstandings and enhanced cooperation between university researchers and government agencies. I encourage you to promptly promulgate the statement without change.

Sincerely,


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